Agreement between the National Research Development Corporation and China

*73. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Research Development Corporation is entering into any agreement with China to have a technology barter arrangement ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) :

(a) The National Research Development Corporation is proposing to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with an appropriate Chinese Technology Transfer Organisation for licensing of Indian Technologies in China and for licensing to Indian Orgaisations those chinese technologies which are not available indigenously.

(b) The National Research Development Corporation had organised in association with the State Science and Technology Commission and Beijing Municipal Commission on Science and Technology of China, Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology and the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, an International Exhibition-cum-Seminar on selected technologies from India and China at Indian Agricultural Research Institute on April 1 & 2, 1993. The main objective of the Exhibition-cum-Seminar was to facilitate the transfer of technologies developed in India and China not only to one another but also to other developing countries, particularly those of the Asia Pacific Region.

25 Chinese and 11 Indian organisations participated in the Exhibition and around 60 Chinese delegates from R&D Institutes and Industry attended the Seminar. Representatives from some other Asia Pacific countries viz. Japan, Bangladesh and Nepal also attended the seminar.

The Exhibition-cum-Seminar focussed attention on the use of new products and technologies in the following areas :

1. Ecological Sustainable Agriculture
2. Agriculture and Food Processing
3. Acquaculture
4. Renewable Energy
5. Building Materials
6. Waste Utilisation|Recycling
7. Chemicals
8. Medicine
9. Energy Saving Technologies
10. Environmentally Friendly Technologies.

Impending closure of DAP industry

*74. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the impending closure of DAP industry due to cancellation|suspension of Phosphoric Acid shipments; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the manner in which Government propose to retrieve the Industry from the present crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) :

(a) and (b) Consequent on the decontrol of phosphatic fertilizers w.e.f. 25-8-1992 and also decanalisation of DAP imports, procedures|suppliers are free to sell phosphatic fertilizers in the open market at prices to be determined